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Fire is Banned from Wendell Town Hall

On March 18 Suzy Polucci's Thin Ice Theatre performed "Zeitgeist" at the Full Moon Coffeehouse.

Coffeehouse Committee members were thrilled with the incredible amount of enthusiasm that went into beautifully preparing the Town Hall for the performance. They loved the play, as did the audience. Many disappointed Polucci fans had to be turned away at the door.

There was one hitch -- FIRE. The Committee informed the theatre group prior to the performance that no open flame is permitted in the Town Hall, for safety reasons. In spite of their agreement not to use fire, the theatre group used lighter fluid on the drumsticks and cymbals to enhance a display of pyrotechnics, which briefly shot two-foot flames into the air.

Because Wendell's historic Town Hall is a very old building, the wood is dry and easily ignited. The open, unpartitioned interior on that night was decorated throughout with flammable objects, some hung from the top of the high walls. The building was filled to capacity with theatre-goers.

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Wendell Old Home Day - July 8th, 1995 -

Coming up on Saturday, July 8 is WENDELL OLD HOME DAY, full of music, parade, food, flea market, raffles, martial arts demonstrations, games, chicken BBQ and a real wedding in the new gazebo! Something for all ages.

Lin Diemand is offering haircuts to benefit the Well Fund @ $10 ea.

Tom Sullivan is planning games and activities. If you can help, call Tom at 544-7894.

To offer general assistance or for questions, call Annie at 544-6111. Music coordinated by Karen, 544-7352.

The general line-up so far (not necessarily in this order):

10 AM Children's Parade, led by Smokey The Bear

11 AM Stone Soup - a play by Sally Alley and friends

Brazilian Capoeira Demonstration
Akido Demonstration

Hilltown Fling
Outerspace friends
Lin Hardy & Dianne Sanabria
Wailin' Dave & the Blue Dogs
The Equalites
The Kevin Sysyn Band
Annie Hassett & the Gangly Hearts
Bob Rosser & Dave Tasgal

5 PM Diemand Chicken BBQ

7 PM A real wedding in the gazebo!

** FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 10 AM **
COME ONE, COME ALL!

New Police Station

Work on the new police station is scheduled to be completed within the next three to four weeks, according to Ed Chase, Wendell's Chief of Police.

The station, which will be housed in the old firehouse in the center of Wendell, will include an office, space for one police cruiser, and a meeting area upstairs. Mr. Chase said that the entire project will be accomplished with the $4,000 appropriated by the town for this purpose. Help in the form of office furniture has been provided by the University of Massachusetts.

Also included in the new budget is money for regular patrolling, which in the past has been done by officers on a volunteer basis.

The decision to create the new station was based on the fact that the department has grown over the past five years and need, as demonstrated by the frequency of calls to the department, has increased significantly from an average of approximately one per week several years ago to nearly one per day currently, according to Anne Diemand, who is an officer in the department.

Police officers in Wendell are called upon to handle a wide spectrum of problems including crime such as theft, breaking and entering and vandalism. They also help manage volatile domestic situations, disputes between neighbors and incidents of harassment. Other responsibilities include the preparation of death notifications and certain types of licenses, court appearances, paperwork, and the resolution of a variety of miscellaneous situations such as abandoned vehicles and disoriented persons.

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Letters: The Post accepts brief letters. Remember, passion doesn't need to be mean.

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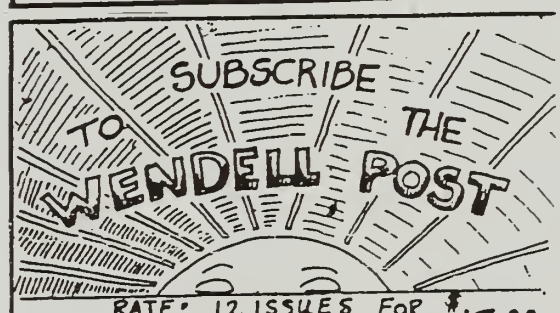

Letters

Violence

I was waiting in a neighbor's living room for her to complete her business so we could talk. The room is a museum of musical, political and theatrical collections, posters, children's art, old, well tended furniture with materials of qualifying interest, a large dark piano, a uniqueness of open space and simplicity from clutter. Select toys were in a defined area, the jigsaw, for now, in its box. All windows were open to admit early June fragrance and serenades from mature lilacs, sugar maples and surrounding willows. Notes from the brook backgrounded the peace.

On the coffee table were few objects. The first and last I noted was a single neat copy of the Wendell Post tilted slightly askew as if in asking an inviting question. The Post reflects our community, the business and change of our neighborhoods. I was once a newcomer to Wendell. It took quite a while before time, my temperament and needs, the privacy or stand offishness of individuals, and the isolation of our dirt road, allowed me to feel a participant in the community. We were communal newcomers, bringing change which felt threatening to some. We were met with resistance, curiosity, welcome and even indifference. We now feel similarly in these current times depending upon what newcomers have to offer or take and their styles. The Boston Globe highlighted the diversity of our town in a featured Sunday magazine section. We do not need the cynicism of the Globe to remind us we are a profitable town in that divergent societies work well together in government and social affairs.

thesis antithesis synthesis

The Post deadline approaches. I don't want to ignore the violence experienced locally. There was rape reported at our border. The rapist murdered the victim's dog and the victim's ultimate privacy. I do not know the woman. I want to offer something. Does anyone know what is appropriate? Perhaps a public offering will demonstrate support and community resistance to violence. There are sprawling, late night parties on prior quiet corners where an elder has died and the property passed on to strangers. Most people want no trouble but are afraid to report trouble. "Oh no I can't call the police. They might know it was me and take it out on me." So neighbors feel stress. There has always been violence but as populations swell, it seems inevitable to experience more first hand "activity". I want to talk to my neighbors, to disarm threats. There is anxiety even fear. I want ambassadors. I become one when I see the opportunity to meet and talk with neighbors, to share phone numbers, compassion, complicity in living in the same place.

A Problem in Male Culture

Boys are taught to take no abuse "sitting down." To tolerate an insult means:

* You admit it is true.
* You will get even more abuse.
* You may lose friends and get no more.
* You are a coward and worse, a sissy.

The boy's "manhood" and self-respect are on the line. Definitely not negotiable. However, he can lose the fight and win the war. He can maintain and even gain respect by not backing down. That's the rule. That's the fact. Point: Non-violence is not an option!

Into this limited box we stuff the options of male response like bagged wildcats. Our boys, our men, our women and our communities are victims of this training. Eons ago male competition served human survival. (The best genes found more eggs.) That was then. It worked. Humans dominate the planet.

This is now. In the age of hand guns. AK 47's, nuclear weapons and pollution, belligerent competition serves extinction, not survival. Neither men in general, nor police in particular should abandon their role as protectors. But diplomacy could be the "weapon" of choice. The way we model manhood, train boys and prepare police can be adjusted.

Only I can do my part and you, yours. Reinvent gentlemen.

P. Cleveland

An Open Letter To Rosalie & Bob Rosser

Dear Rosalie and Bob,

We are writing this letter to publicly acknowledge our gratitude for all that you have done for us during the past year while you managed the Wendell Country Store. Your dedication and selflessness enabled us to have some much needed space in our personal/family lives. For that we will be forever in your debt. We also know that whatever you did you always had the good of the community in mind.

However, unfortunately, the partnership did not work out in the way the four of us had hoped that it would. We certainly know that it was not for lack of trying. You gave your all and you were always there for us. For that we say a heartfelt thanks, to you, our friends.

Sincerely,
Patti & Vic Scutari

The hot tempered, white face horne experiments, seeking new dwelling. It lands o my barn joist and perform an aural activity nea my head. I am repelled by the plump segment o its stinger which has sunk into my flesh before. will be alert for the paper pendulum nes suspended in the rafters.

"Good fences make good neighbors."

Some neighbors have no fences.

When people belong to a community the treat it fairly. I look forward to Old Home Days.

Nina Keller

...Fire (cont. from pg. 1)

The Town Hall could become fully engulfed in flames and uncontrollable in 12 minutes, according to Wendell Fire Chief Everett Ricketts.

There weren't many members of Wendell's all-volunteer Fire Department in town on the night of March 18, according to Andy Hamilton, a Wendell firefighter and EMT. It would've taken at least 5 minutes for a firefighter to arrive at the scene with a pumper, which holds 1,000 gallons of water and a maximum of 2 minutes' worth of fire-fighting capacity. The second truck which could've arrived at the scene 5-8 minutes after the call, a tanker, holds 3,300 gallons of water, or 10 minutes' worth. Had the building become totally engulfed, Mr. Hamilton said it would've taken 15-20 minutes before enough manpower had arrived on the scene from mutual aid (other towns), not to save the Town Hall for it would've been too late, but to attempt to save the adjacent structures.

Mr. Hamilton's opinion is that a fire that night would've caused many injuries. It takes an average of 50 minutes for an ambulance to arrive in Wendell and reach area hospitals.

Before the pyrotechnics, a member of the theatre group had removed the Town Hall's fire extinguishers from their proper positions, to use in the event the fire spread. Because they contained water, their use would have atomized and spread the oil-based fire onto the members of the audience seated directly in front of the stage. (One requirement for an approved theatrical fire is that the audience be seated back from the stage.)

Several members of the audience subsequently complained to the Wendell Selectboard that their safety had been jeopardized.

Because neither apologies nor assurances they would respect their audiences' safety in the future were forthcoming, the Selectboard disallowed the Thin Ice Theatre from renting the Town Hall for a year.

Al Giordano's subsequent unresearched article in The Valley Optimist entitled "Banned in Wendell", which basically was a free advertisement for his friend's play, sensationalized the issue at the expense of our concerned and dedicated Committee members and Selectboard. Mr. Giordano's premise was that the Selectboard members had a hidden agenda of a prudish, repressed desire unbeknownst even to themselves, to censor socially irreverent speech. His implication was that this play is so outrageous (and therefore not-to-be-missed), that even a (perhaps formerly) outrageous town like Wendell has censored it!

Mr. Giordano is totally off-base. Ms. Polucci had performed in Wendell many times before, with equally irreverent material, and Wendell welcomed her back with open arms.

The Selectboard's only agenda was to ensure the safety of Town Hall patrons, and to protect our historic buildings. Their action was based on their judgment that the Thin Ice Theatre had violated our trust that lives and property would be safe, and had done nothing to regain it. This has nothing at all to do with censorship, which necessarily involves a review of content.

Subsequent to the Wendell performance, the theatre group posted flyers for its June 2 & 3 Shea Theatre performances of "Zeitgeist", headlining the play as having been "Banned in Wendell". To add insult to injury, they twisted the situation to gain publicity. The play is certainly entertaining enough to stand on its own merits.

Ironically, AT THE JUNE 2 PERFORMANCE at Shea Theatre, during the pyrotechnics THE DRUMMER'S RUG CAUGHT FIRE and had to be extinguished. Luckily for Shea Theatre, they had been informed and were prepared to extinguish this type of flame.

I for one am proud that the Wendellites accused in this ruckus have maintained their ground and their dignity, and, despite the hurt and angry feelings, find that being called "grand poohbahs" and "anal-rententive" (sic) prudes quite hilarious.

I hope that there will be learning and growing from these events, and that we will one day be able to enjoy Ms. Polucci's theatrics in a trusting and safe Wendell environment.

Gloria Kegeles

...Police Station (cont. from pg. 1)

According to department members, the new station will offer many advantages, including the local management of arrests. Currently, persons who are arrested must be taken to the Athol State Police Barracks or the Orange Police Department. Since most arrests in Wendell are for bailable offenses, the new station will enable booking and paperwork to be completed right in town, allowing the bailing process to proceed with greater speed and efficiency. In more serious cases, persons taken into custody could be booked in Wendell and then transferred to the House of Corrections in Greenfield.

Another advantage, according to Mr. Chase, will be that the central office space will allow for greater communication and co-ordination among the officers. "Right now the office is basically in my living room with paperwork being done in each of the officers' homes, which makes it hard to be co-ordinated alot of the time," he said.

"The station will make us more of a team, " said Anne Diemand. "It will provide a central space where all the officers can go to work without home distractions. We can leave information there about things going on in town. We will have a centrally-located place for meetings."

In addition, the new station will enable the department to establish regular office hours during which members of the public can come to the station to renew licenses, discuss concerns or grievances, etc. Mr. Chase says that the office hours will be set soon after the station is opened.

The main number for police emergencies will remain unchanged--544-7448, with calls still being answered in Shelburne Falls.

Beth McConnell

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House Fire

A home on Locke's Village Rd. burned to the ground in the early morning hours of Sunday, June 18th. Little remained of the house-trailer, but the surrounding lands were unharmed. The owner, a single male, perished in the fire.

The call was received by Dispatch at about 2a.m., and upon arrival of Wendell's pumper and tank trucks the structure was fully involved. Another truck from Orange was called in, and together the volunteer firefighters were able to contain the blaze. The body was removed to a medical examiner's for further investigation.

The cause of the fire has been conclusively determined as arson, and was possibly set by the owner himself. A strong smell of gasoline was observed by the police and firefighters, and trails of gas led from the structure to the owner's well and car.

Extinguishing and cleanup continued through the morning, and during Sunday representatives of the State Fire Marshall's office and the FBI were seen at the site and conducting questioning in town. Investigation is still under way at press time.

Ellis C. Barnes Jr.

WENDELL — Ellis C. Barnes Jr., 47, of 272 Locks Village Road, died Sunday (6-18-95) at home.

He was born in Brattleboro, Vt., Nov. 10, 1947, the son of Ellis C. and Annie (Boyd) Barnes Sr.

He attended Orange schools and had been a resident of Wendell for the past 17 years.

Barnes was a licensed plumber and worked for various contractors. He was a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local No. 104 of Springfield. He was a Lance Corporal with the Marines, serving in the Vietnam War.

Besides his parents of Winchester, N.H., he leaves a brother, Clarke Barnes of Greenfield; three sisters, Brenda Hedrick of Winnabow, N.C., Rhonda Lahey of Holly Ridge, N.C., and Lee Aikens of Belding, Mich.; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be private

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local No. 104 Scholarship Fund, 168 Chicopee St., Chicopee MA 01013.

Recorder, Greenfield, Mass.,

Wendell Bandstand

Landscaping and handicap access complete, the Wendell Bandstand was used officially for the first time at the 1995 Memorial Day Service.

Senior Citizens were extended special invitations to attend the services and were given a place of honor on the Bandstand.

A Traditional and fitting start for the Bandstands many future uses!

TOWN OF WENDELL MASSACHUSETTS 01379
TOWN HALL 508 544 3395

~SELECTBOARD MINUTES~

Wendell Selectboard Meeting
April 11, 1995 - Minutes -
The meeting convened at 7:00p.m. Members present were: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis. Also present: Fran Zera and Doug Tanner, Reporters and Elizabeth Scully. Minutes were read and approved and correspondence was reviewed.
Hal Stowell attended the meeting to make a formal complaint against his neighbor, Art Johnson, whose dogs, he says, bark constantly. Board members suggested Mr. Stowell create a paper trail by putting his complaint in writing both to the Selectboard
and to his neighbor. A Dog Hearing would be the next step if the problem persisted. Board members cited another occasion when neighbors settled a similar problem in an amicable fashion by meeting with the Selectboard to discuss it.
Mr. Stowell also wished to request permission to move a gate on Sears Road from its present position to another closer to Wendell Depot Road. Board members suggested he get written permission from the two landowners, Green and Miller. Mr. Stowell i
ntends to give a key to the gate to the Millers for access. Mr. Stowell was concerned, too, about trash and old appliances on Sears Road. Regina Curtis, as suggested by the Board, will contact Bob Leet and ask that he look into this .
A Pole Hearing re: Wendell Depot Road was held. A representative of NETC attended but it illicited no interest from any of the abutters who were notified. The pole removal and replacement was approved.
There will be a Greenpeace

Press Conference on April 21, 1995 at 11:00a.m.
Board members received an invitation to n Open House for the GCC Downtown Center on Friday May 19, 1995 at 5:30p.m. Anne Zak intends to attend.
The Board received a letter from the Sheriff's office offering the service of inmates for town projects. Two letters of acceptance were sent; one from the Selectboard and one from the Road Boss, Mr. Bacigalupo.
A notice of a Public Hearing was received from the Town of Montague re: bridge repair on route # 63 on April 25, 1995 at6:30p.m.
The Board received a proposal for the Annual Town Meeting from a Robert Heller regarding public transportation through the Town of Wendell.
Margo Culley will attend the Franklin County advisory Board Meeting on April 20, 1995.
There will be a meeting with the Planning Board regarding the new Salt Shed on April 25, 1995.
Eric Wight, Wendell's Building Inspector, appeared at the meeting to suggest to the Board that a 20" by 20" window in the new Fire Station would work as an economic egrss from the second floor. This will work for the temporary Police Station also.
Joe Diemand came to the meeting to report he has removed most of the cars from his property and will be completing the task soon.
Margo Culley will have a breakfast meeting with Mr. Lubinsky at the Steeplejack in Sunderland at 8:00am on April 20, 1995. Ms.Culley will ask Mr. Lubinsky to include STAR in his plea for scholl funding.
The Board decided not to buy

the Kupper land as per Ms. Pirog's request.
Judith Wilder reported the receipt of a reimbursement check from Richard Bump, Swift River School Treasurer, in the amount of $94029.00 on April 6, 1995
A letter from the Town of Hadley re: support for them in changing the tax assessment of the U. Mass. Mullins Center which is physically situated in Hadley, prompted a no response from the Wendell Selectboard.

Wendell Selectboard
Meeting April 18, 1995 -
Minutes -
The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis. Also present: Regina Curtis and Elizabeth Scully. The minutes were read and approved.

Josh Dostis attended the meeting as a
representative of the Full Moon Coffee House. He discussed with the Board the act by Jommy Humphrey. He is the drummer who did the "Fire Drum". Mr. Dostis said there was no danger of fire in the Town Hall and that other theaters allowed this act. However, he promised the Board that the act would not be repeated at the Wendell Town Hall.

The Board received a letter from the Town of Leverett regarding the trucks on NO. Leverett Road. The Principal of the elementary school said a child was almost hit by one while getting off the school bus. They want a meeting with the Wendell Selectboard sometime in May.
Mass. Education and Government Assoc. will be holding Safety Network Meetings at Holyoke Community College on Tues. 4-25 and at Keefe Technical School in Framingham on 4-26 from 9:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. Ted Lewis and Danny Bacigalupo may attend the one at Holyoke College.

MMA Action - requests letters to Senator Rosenberg this week to ask that he honor his pledge to phase out lottery diversion; support the return of 51 million in new lottery funds; ensure that new lottery funds are not earmarked.

An MMA Regional Update Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 1995 at the Jones Library in Amherst at 6:30p.m.

The Board received a letter from The Town of Orange regarding the ambulanc usage of local towns including Wendell.

A letter from the Town of Charlemont re: the Building Inspector Program was reviewed.

The Wendell Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 1995.

The Finance Committee met with the Board to discuss the '95 Budget. Also to report the attorney fee for the Ad Hoc Committee will be approximately $1000.00. Ms. Curtis will ask Town Counsel to share their budget with the attorney for Ad Hoc.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting
April 25, 1995 - Minutes -
The meeting convened at 7:00p.m. Members present were: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis.

Four proposals were received (14 RFPs were sent) for consultant services under the Local Partnership Program:
Mad River Research - Waitsfield, VT.
The LandUse Collaborative - Hopkinton, Ma.
Hammer Siler George Associates - Silver Spring, MD
Landauer Realty Advisors - Vienna, VA

Representative Steve Kulik will hold office hours on May 12th, between 11:00 - 12:00 in New Salem and between 1:30 and 2:30p.m. in Wendell.

A payment of $3,752. for the month of March was received from DB.

The May 7th Boston Globe will carry a story about Wendell, written by B J Roche. (Continued to page 7)

Annual Town Meeting Frugal

OVERVIEW

This will be a no-frills year here in Wendell given what voters painfully eked out for a town budget at Annual Town Meeting for the fiscal year beginning July 1 '96. During 3 consecutive nights marked by fiscal conservancy, voters consistently amended department budget request line items down to the lower (no-override level) Finance Committee recommendations. Voters exceeded the Fin Com's recommendations by only $450. Wendell's total approved F.Y.'96 operating budget stands at $1,205,947. This will result in a tax rate per thousand dollars of $20.82, which is a $.92 increase in the tax rate over last year.

HIGHLIGHTS

Schools and Education (see related story) and the Highway budget took the heaviest hits. Again and again voters spoke that they wanted to give more, but just could not.

The Schools had hoped to have the meeting postponed, as many other towns have done, to wait to see what the State reimbursements will be. The Selectboard and Fin Com decided not to push the meeting any closer to the end of the fiscal year. They felt that knowing these figures would make no difference to the amount that Wendell citizens could afford to spend.

The only treat Wendell gave itself was to buy into the information highway via an exiting computer program offered to the Free Library for an increase of $450 (see related Library article).

The Police budget was scrutinized because expenses have increased from $5,000 to $17,950. We heard that our officers have been donating much of their time for years, but changes in State regulations plus increasing demands on the Dept. by the public, and the changing nature of the types of calls the Police must respond to result in a bigger financial burden for the Town. After the hard questions were asked and answered, the budget was approved, with some dissention as to whether alternatives may exist for citizen based interventions.

The purchase of a used road grader was defeated even though our grader is 1966 vintage and costing roughly $5,000 yearly in repairs. Town officials vowed to seek a grader from some other source.

The Town Property Study Committee recommended that the Police continue to use the Old Fire Station, with review of the situation in another year. Building or renovating at other sites is too costly at this time.

Repairs to the Town Common were defeated, but serious drainage problems persist on Center Street, as well as a list of other concerns, including the mud ruts in front of the town hall.

The Fire Dept. EMT's were refused expenditure for purchase of a boat, despite expression of appreciation to this department.

$25,000 was put into the Capital Stabilization Fund. This money came from the D & B dump, and will dry up as a source when that enterprise is complete. Swift River School made two unsuccessful attempts for chunks of this "rainy day" money, which is put aside for the unexpected. Projected problems that caused voters to save this money are that property values in Wendell are dropping. In the future our property will need to be re-assessed to reflect that, resulting in reduction of revenue to the town. Selectman Ted Lewis made a convincing argument to save now and avoid the Town going into receivership later. Brought up under this discussion were future expenses facing the Town, such as the fact that several roads need serious work, and that the little bridge on Wendell Depot Road near Plain Road is coming apart and threatening to cut off travel on a main road into Town.

Town Meeting Tidbits

That big interest charge citizens pay on unpaid tax bills offsets the cost to the Town of borrowing against monies owed.

Mr. Al Diemand was reappointed for Franklin County Technical School Committee Member. He was commended by Superintendent Walter Welch for near perfect attendence and indispensable contributions, "We could not have done without him this past year."

Jonathon von Ranson was reappointed Assistan Town Moderator. There is likely to be a Special Town Meeting in June to mop up end of the year issues, over which he will preside.

Trucks bearing placards saying medical waste have been seen coming and going around the D&B dump site. Our Board of Health says they doubt it, "They wouldn't be so brazen."

FEELINGS

The Boards represented, many of whom are volunteer or essentially volunteer, were informed, calm, and helpful. The School Committees members continued the trend of the last few years toward taking charge and giving short, understandable presentations and answers. Voters showed pain at times when the choices were tough; the discussion was from the heart but respectful. This year there was no call for secret balloting.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Becker, Moderator

Economic Partnership Begins Project

Anne Zak, Chairperson of the Wendell Economic Development Partnership, announced a new project aimed at expanding economic opportunities for local residents. Through a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development, the Partnership has hired Mad River Research to work with local residents to identify local priorities for economic development and develop a plan based on those priorities. The overall goals of the project are to:

* Expand year-round employment opportunities in Wendell and
* Provide tangible economic benefits for low and moderate income residents of Wendell.

Mad River Research is a firm based in Moretown, Vermont. Jim Boylan, a partner of Mad River Research, will be the project director. Edite Conha of Hawley will be the lead associate on this project.

The project will include a number of forums for public participation, including a community survey, focus groups, and community meetings. The project will also involve an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the local economy and opportunities for economic growth that recognize and preserve our local resources. This is a six-month project.

Ann Zak commented that this is an exciting opportunity for Wendell. "The Partnership Committee chose Mad River Research because of their experience working with communities like ours and their commitment to locally controlled economic development."

The Partnership will meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month through November in the Town Office Building. The public is invited.

--The Wendell Economic Development Partnership

PLANT SWAP!

Swapping of the plants at Wendell's annual event

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1995-1996

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Selectboard Minutes cont.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 2, 1995 - Minutes - Meeting convened at 7:00p.m. Members present were: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis. Also present: Regina Curtis.

The Library Personnel and Selectboard members recommended Mez Davis for the new Summer Reading Program.

LLRW (Low Level Radioactive Waste) Draft documents were made available.

A New Salem/Wendell School Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 4, 1995 at 7:30p.m.

The Orange Recycling Center Open House will be held on May 13, 1995 from 10:00a.m. until 2:00p.m.

The Salt Shed Bid Opening took place at 7:30p.m. One bid from the Dome Corp. from Montclair, N.J. reads as follows:

61 ft. diam. 6 ft. wall $78,479
61 ft. diam. 8 ft. wall $83,479
72 ft. diam. 6 ft. wall $87,479
72 ft. diam. 8 ft. wall $94, 794

Board members received an invitation to sit on the Statewide Technical Advisory Committee of the Clay Taskforce.

The Board reviewed the Franklin County Building Inspector Program's response to Charlemont.

GCC Downtown Center Open House is scheduled for May 19, 1995 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30p.m.

Board members reviewed the drafts of the warrants for both the Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting.

Anne Zak will attend the DEM Goals Program.

Board members signed a letter of support for the MFC Credit Union.

A letter was received from Dale Kowacki re: the "error" in money owed to Wendell.

Ted Lewis gave an update on the Ad Hoc Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Reorganization of the Selectboard took place. Anne Zak will take her turn as the Chairwoman for the Board.

A Town Hall rental refund will be made to Joe Laur and Prudy Smith because they were unable to use the Hall because of its unwelcome visitor, a skunk. The Hall is now able to be used thanks to the efforts of many helpful people.

Leverett and Montague Officials have scheduled a meeting on May 3, 1995 to discuss the closing of So. Prospect St. and the DB trucks.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 9, 1995 - Minutes - The meeting convened at 7:00p.m. Members present were: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis.

Members of the Selectboard signed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Board members selected a photograph of three of the Council on Aging members and Danny Bacigalupo planting trees which were received from the Releaf Grant. It will be used for the cover of the Town Report.

The Board reviewed the LLRW meeting agenda.

The Franklin County Selectmen's Association dinner is scheduled for June 1, 1995 in Shelbourne.

An invitation to Mahar High School's Memorial Day celebration was received by the Board.

The Board received a letter of resignation from the Swift River School Board from Carolyn Manley.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting May 30, 1995 - Minutes - The meeting convened at 7:00p.m. Members present were: Anne Zak, Margo Culley and Ted Lewis. Also present were: Regina Curtis and Elizabeth Scully.

The MMA Safety Committee's Anti-Violence Workshop is scheduled for June 9, 1995 at the Framingham Sheraton - Tara Hotel from 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m.

Joseph Bianchi, of JDB Engineers from Conway, Ma. attended the meeting to discuss the Jennison Rd. culvert. Also in attendence were : Danny Bacigalupo, Wendell's Road Boss and Mason Phelps from the Conservation Commission. The Town of Wendell will contact the MDC and acting as sub-contractors will be those companies who bid to make the hardware (pre-cast concrete box culvert with flared end sections). Town workers will do the installation, the actual clamping, but the Bidding contractors will have the heavy equipment to deliver and set the 7 heavy pieces in place.

Joel Ducharme has made Eagle Scout. A ceremony will take place on June 6, 1995.

Board members approved the Old Town Garage space for the new salt shed and voted to accept the bid of the Dome Corporation of America for a 72 ft. in diameter, 6 ft. concrete walled salt shed.

Ms. Curtis will call Dufresne Henry re the Wendell Depot culvert.

Bill Allen, Franklin County Engineer, met with the Board regarding the discontinuance of sveral sections of roads. They are: a portion of W. Main St. coming from New Salem, Mineral Rd. coming from Shutesbury, and a potion of Rockwood Hill Rd. The assessment from the county for each road is $75.00. This is to pay the Sheriff's office for notifying the Town Clerk and the landowners, etc. The Board will write and invite landowners to comment on these road closings.

Board members reviewed a letter from Representative Stan Rosenberg. He spoke of clay removal from Boston and the Senate's Budget.
The meeting adjourned at 9:47p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Scully
Selectboard Clerk

Theodore A. Davis
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Community Policing Project- Resident Survey Results In

The results of the resident surveys distributed last fall regarding the Wendell and New Salem police departments have been tabulated and are now being made available to the public.

According to Parker Cleveland, who is a member of the Community Policing Steering Committee, which conducted the survey, detailed results will be made available at a special booth on Old Home Day, on July 8th, and possibly posted at prominant locations around town as well.

The survey and the steering committee itself are both components of a community policing effort which is underway in Wendell and New Salem and is being funded through a $6,000 grant obtained last year for this purpose.

The steering committee is made up of two police officers and two citizens from each town plus Regina Curtis, who is the New Salem/Wendell town co-ordinator and also the author of the original grant proposal. Quoting from the grant proposal, the stated "mission" of the community policing project is that: "the Towns of New Salem and Wendell plan to develop a regionalized, personalized police service, based on regular interaction and open dialogue with the communities. The Towns challenge the citizens to be involved in the solution to crime issues and to continue that involvement permanently. Further, the Towns challenge the police to take a pro-active approach to law enforcement and to engender the mutual trust between police and citizens so critical to community policing philosophy."

Ms. Curtis describes the work that has been accomplished so far on the community policing project as positive and progressive. She gives particular credit to the police chiefs of the two towns, Ed Chase and George Spaulding, who she said "deserve alot of credit for agreeing to police participation on the steering committee. This is very unusual and helps to open a door which in most communities remains closed."

The resident survey was designed to gather information about the views of Wendell and New Salem residents regarding the police forces in the two towns. It contained 11 items, including questions about whether the respondent had had contact with their local police department, who had initiated the contact, whether they had been "satisfied" or "unsatisfied" with the contact, and whether they felt the police had responded in a "timely manner".

Other questions from the survey asked respondents to choose from a list of seven categories their "top three" crime concerns; indicate who they felt was responsible for local crime (residents or out-of-towners); whether a part-time police department met the needs of the town; the priority police protection should have in the town budget, and whether patrols should be increased. Space for comments and suggestions was also provided on the survey.

47 surveys were returned from Wendell, representing approximately 10% of the households in town. 28 surveys were returned from New Salem.

The survey shows that the most frequently listed "top three" crime concerns in Wendell are: domestic crime, juvenile crime, and theft. Domestic crime was listed as being the top concern of over 40% of those who returned the survey. The next most frequently cited concerns were: drugs, alcohol, speeding and vandalism, in that order.

Of the 47 Wendell respondents, 40, or approximately 85%, reported having had contact with the police department. Of these, 30 people, or 75%, reported that they were "satisfied" with the contact, with many commenting that the officers involved were courteous, prompt and helpful. Of the 25% reporting that they were "dissatisfied" with their contact with the police, several complained of discourteous treatment and others cited difficulties or delays in reaching the police by phone and slow response time. A few people in the "satisfied" group mentioned slow response time as well.

With regard to the question of whether a part-time police department met the needs of the town, 35 or about 74% answered that it did, whereas 6, or less than 13% said that it did not.

In terms of the priority placed by respondents on police protection, approximately 48% responded that it should have "medium" prioriy in the town budget, 36% said that it should be a "high" priority and 18% said that it should be a "low" priority.

On the question of patrolling, about 44% felt that patrol hours should be kept the same, 18% thought they should increase and 6% thought they should be reduced. 27% answered that they didn't know.

A very high percentage of Wendell survey respondents took the opportunity to make additional comments and suggestions, and among these, several patterns are apparent. Several people proposed developing youth or teen programs in town to help prevent juvenile crime. Some expressed displeasure with the prospect of the new police station on the common and suggested alternative locations. A significant number of respondents commented on the quiet, basically peaceful nature of Wendell, and recommended that the department maintain a "low-key", laissez faire attitude toward law enforcement. As one resident put it, "I think the police should respond when called, investigate when needed, and nothing else." Many people also made suggestions for greater communication and access to information regarding the police force, including ideas such as a police information booth at Old Home Day, a community meeting, public information sessions, publicity campaigns and a review board.

It seems certain that as the work of the community policing project prggresses many new opportunities for increased information and/or communication will be available soon. According to Regina Curtis, in addition to the booth that is planned for Old Home Day, plans are underway by the steering committee to hold a public forum, possibly in the early fall, to discuss survey results and allow members of the community who did not complete a survey to express their views. Also, when the new police station is opened within a few weeks time, regular office hours will be set.

The survey results from New Salem show the "top three" crime concerns among residents there to be: theft, speeding, and alcohol, in that order. New Salem respondents reported a high degree of satisfaction with their police force, with 17 of 19 persons reporting having had contact saying that they were "satisfied". 28 surveys were returned from New Salem residents.

Other aspects of the New Salem/ Wendell Community Policing Program will include the purchase of computer and fax equipment for both police departments, the establishment of regular meeting opportunities between police and community of members, the issuance of "tickets" (in the form of $1.00 gift certificates to the Wendell Country Store) to youths "caught" wearing safety helmets, and the training of two key members of each police department at the Criminal Justice Council Community Policing Program.

Beth McConnell

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Pennsylvania Governor Signs Death Warrant; Stop Racist Legal Lynching of Mumia Abu-Jamal

On June 1, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge signed a death warrant for Mumia Abu-Jamal, setting August 17 at 10 PM for his execution.

Jamal's lead counsel Len Weinglass stated: "Consigning Jamal to death with a stroke of his pen was a particularly vindictive act, as Governor Ridge is well aware that Jamal's attorneys are set to file legal papers seeking a new trial and the setting aside of Jamal's death sentence on [June 5].... These papers, based on months of investigation, research and review, demonstrate unequivocally that Mumia, a man who has proclaimed his innocence from the very beginning, was the victim of a politically motivated, racially biased prosecution in which evidence of his innocence was suppressed."

"This is the first explicitly political execution attempted since the government murdered Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in the McCarthyite climate of Cold War anti-Communism and anti-Semitism," stated Deborah Mackson of the Partisan Defense Committee, which is coordinating protests against the death warrant nationally and internationally.

Said PDC staff counsel Rachel Wolkenstein: "We must rely on and organize the tremendous power of social protest to save Mumia. The power and exposure of international protest may well have prevented South Africa's white racist rulers from killing Nelson Mandela... Were it not for mass mobilizations against Jim Crow 'justice,' the Scottsboro Boys would have died in prison for a crime they did not commit. We must stop this racist legal lynching!"

For information on the campaign to save Mumia Abu-Jamal, contact the PDC at PO Box 99, Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013 (212/406-4252); or at PDC, PO Box 390840, Central Square Station, Cambridge, MA 02139 (617/492-3928). Letters should be sent to Gov. Tom Ridge, Main Capitol Building, Rm. 225, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

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Salt Shed to be built this summer

Wendell will build a new salt shed on Locks Village Road at the site of the old town garage sometime this summer. Two hearings in late April set conditions for its construction. The Highway Department has been working to prepare the site including removing the old salt shed, bringing in gravel and compacting it and planting a number of young evergreens along the property's north and west boundary lines. The engineers have been given the go-ahead, and a paving company will come in this month to lay down a 6" thick blacktop pad. Danny Bacigalupo, Road Boss, hopes that Dome Construction, who submitted the lowest bid, will begin work by July 1st and finish by July 31st. In any case, the salt shed should be ready for next winter's use.

The Planning Board, during a hearing on April 25, dictated that a row of fast-growing trees be planted along the road to provide a visual screen for passersby. An opening large enough for trucks will be left.

According to Charles Smith, the Conservation Commission issued an "order of conditions" for the construction of the new shed during their hearing on April 18. The Commission suggested first that a filter of gravel be installed to keep churned-up dirt from running off into the neighboring wetlands. Second, a swale (or ditch) should be constructed at the back (west) edge of the property to drain water from the high (north) side towards a culvert that runs under the road on the south side. This swale would conduct water away from Bradford Lewis' property. The Commission's final order is that construction equipment not be cleaned at the site, thereby avoiding pollution of the wetlands.

Anne Zak, Selectperson, said the search for another site was unsuccessful; people who owned potential sites in town were unwilling to trade their lots for the current site. Zak was disappointed that a better site could not be found. But she emphasized that the new salt shed will be a vast improvement over the former shed. The new design is very sound environmentally. Storing salt and loading and unloading it under cover will eliminate much potential pollution. In addition, the blacktop pad will prevent any further leaching of residual salt into the water table. Hopefully, the town will use less salt in the future since it will be protected from the elements. These advantages add up to significant long- and short-term savings for the town.

Thank you, town officials, for working hard to provide us with the best possible solution to a difficult problem!

Christine Heard

Mahar Jr. High Marching Band
Wendell Memorial Day Observances 1995

Town Hall Stage Curtain
— restoration progresses —

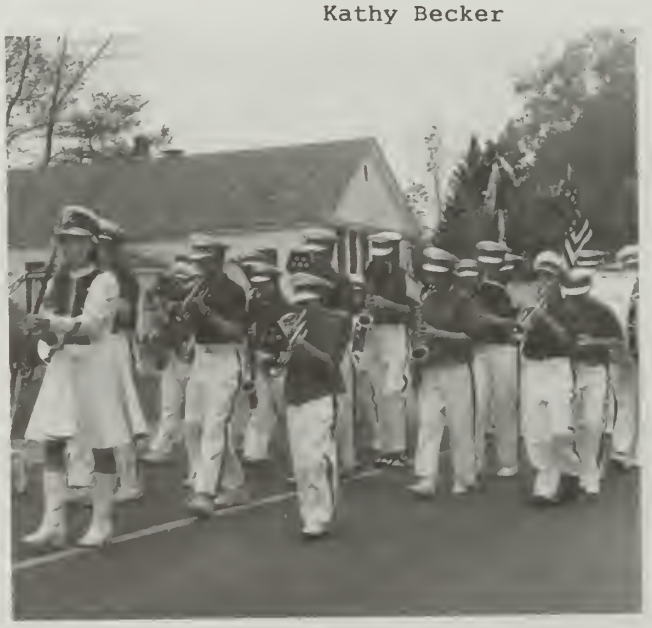
A lot of planning has occurred around restoring the Depression era stage curtain that hangs in the Town Hall. The condition of the curtain was assessed by the original painter, Thurston Munson, in a meeting with canvas restorer Ria Windcaller; Wendell Historical Society member, Judith Wilder; and interested citizen, Kathy Becker. While the curtain is fragile, faded and water damaged, it is fixable. Ria will be able to back it and stabilize it with thin canvas. She has sought out the appropriate material and is scheduled to begin work sewing in the Town Hall the week beginning June 19th. Volunteers will be sought to assist handling the curtain and her large sewing machine. Mr. Munson is scheduled to begin actual painting July 10-26. He will paint on the floor, which will be protected by plastic sheeting, just as he and his brother did back in the 1930s. The Town Hall will be reserved solely for restoration purposes during these dates. The public is invited to watch or take pictures.

Fortunately for the project, it has found willing sponsors, the Wendell Historical Society and The Wendell Positive Action Committee, just in time to oversee a successful fundraiser. The curtain project was the beneficiary of the May Wendell Full Moon Coffee House. Proceeds from the door and all the proceeds from the coffee/tea/bake sale netted over $300, says Judy Wilder. Ria and Mr. Munson were guests of honor at this Coffeehouse.

A possibility that Mr. Munson offered is open for discussion. Once the curtain is restored, he offered to paint a new curtain with an updated center scene and current town business advertisers. Purchase of advertising by local businesses would fund the new curtain. The restored curtain would them become a historical display item and be retired from active duty. The Historical Society will consider this option and seek a place to properly display the old curtain should a new curtain become a reality. In the meantime, the old curtain shows a look into times past when telephone numbers were just two numbers. Some of the old advertisers still exist, like T.S. Mann.

Mr. Munson says he has restored one other curtain. He recalls painting about 35 curtains originally, many quite far away, even into Pennsylvania. He is excited to be involved in this project, and seems to find pleasure in the nostalgia. Let's make him feel very welcome! Both Ria and Mr. Munson are supplying their expertise as a gift to the Town.

Kathy Becker



Music in the Garden

A gala fund raiser for the Valley Community Music School will be held on Sunday, July 30, 1:00 to 5:00 PM in the garden of Elsa Bakalar in Heath. The afternoon will include continuous music performed by the students and faculty of the VCMS and a tea party. Tickets are $15 each and are limited to 100. The event will be held even if it rains since there will be a tent. Tickets are available at World Eye Bookshop in Greenfield, Boswell's Books in Shelburne Falls, Blue Meadow Farm in MOntague or by calling 413-498-4411 or 413-339-5590. Proceeds will benefit the programs of the Valley Community Music School.

Mrs. Bakalar's perennial garden, one of New England's horticultural showcases, has been featured in "Horticulture Magazine" and "Taylor's Guide to Garden Design".

The VCMS was founded in 1990 through the efforts of 5 organizations: the Arts Council of Franklin County, Music in Deerfield, the Pioneer Valley Symphony, Mohawk Trail Concerts and Greenfield Community College. The school is located at Greenfield Community College which donates the space.

VCMS provides quality music instruction to all regardless of age, ability, income level or ethnic origin. The school offers private lessons on all instruments, including voice. VCMS also offers the opportunity to participate in a variety of ensembles where students make music together. Scholarship dollars are essential to carrying out the school's mission. For more info about the VCMS or to be placed on the mailing list, call 413-339-5590.

Library Summer Program

This summer Mez Ziemba will lead an exciting six-week series of workshops for kids ages 7-12 at the Wendell Free Library based on the statewide summer reading theme, "Reading is Natural". Mez will use crafts, activities, stories and more, about animals and nature, to promote reading and libraries as fun.

Due to the small size of the library, participation will be limited to 10 children. As one week's program builds on the next, priority will be given to Wendell children who sign up for all six. Otherwise selection will be based on order of registration by Wendell kids.The dates are Saturday June 24, through Saturday August 5, 10 am - 11:30 am. (Except for July 8, Wendell Old Home Day.)

The program is free and sponsored by the Wendell Free Library. Space is still available as of press time. Sign up at the library 544-3559, or with Mez, 544-7561. Mez welcomes teen and adult volunteers to work with her. Donations of art supplies gratefully accepted.

Children who can not participate in the Saturday morning workshops can still join the overall Summer Reading Program by keeping a log of the books they read. Coupons to area attractions and museums will be available to all children each time they check out books. There will also be a free raffle of two tickets to the Big E.

Rosie Heidkamp, Librarian

Wendell Weather

Avg. H Temp(*)	55(57)	69(70)
Avg. L Temp	30(33)	43(44)
Mean Temp	42.6	56.5
Avg Mean(89-95)	45.2	57.0
Rainfall(")	2.15	2.65

* - Average H and L temperatures for the period 1989 - 1995.

April was the coolest (lowest Avg. H and mean temps.) and driest (1.5" below my average) I have on record. May was slighly cooler and even though it was dry it was the second driest (1.91" in 1993) I recorded.

The last freezing temperature I recorded was 28° on 4/25. It is interesting to note that my average date (89 - 95) of the last freezing temperature is 4/30.

I would also like to add a plea for all dog and cat owners to try to keep them restrained during the next couple of months. This is nesting time for birds and many of them nest on the ground or in low shrubs. It is estimated that cats alone kill 44 million birds each year in this country. Some of these birds have migrated thousands of miles from the tropical forests of South America enduring incredible hardship along the way. It seems terribly unfair to have them succumb to a sport hunting cat.

Bill Lafley

Real Estate Transfers

Peter & Ann Humphry to Albert J. Strehle, Jennison Road - 4 acres, $20,000. Dec. 7, 1994.

Ann Gibert to Michelle A. Peloquin, Montague Road - 1.885 A. and 1.952 A. and house, $74,500.00. Feb. 13, 1995.

Don Babineau and Kate Gilday to Eva Marie Schachtl, Locks Village Road - house, $85,000.00. Jan. 23, 1995.

James S. McMilleon to Morgan Mead, Locks Hill Road #1 - 4.3 A., $12,500.00 - March 2, 1995.

Carey E. Noel to Michael J. and Lisa A. Reynolds, Farley Road - 2 acres and mobile home, $24,900. March 27, 1995.

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0/95	Brush Fire	Cooleyville Rd.
9/95	Vehicle Accident- Medical	Wendell Center
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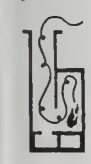
2/95	Medical Call	Farley Rd.



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Wendell Wild Bird News - Spring '95

Those of us who love birds cherish springtime for its continual arrival of species that have been wintering further south. In March, flickers, blackbirds, killdeer, robins, bluebirds and others who have spent the snowy months not too far away at lower elevations begin to appear in Wendell. Late March and April are heralded by many species of ducks traveling through, as well as osprey, tree swallows, palm warblers, kestrels, ruby-crowned kinglets, and hermit thrushes. Most of these birds migrate in from the southeastern U.S. By late April broadwinged hawks, rufous-sided towhees, and several species of warblers are present. May brings a rush of colorful birds that have wintered in the tropics, some from as far away as South America. Many migrant species join the permanent bird population of Wendell (chickadees, etc.) and establish breeding sites in the varied habitats that exist within our town boundaries. Migration is no easy feat. The journeys of birds are filled with hazardous obstacles and many are lost to storms, cats, cars, windows, pollution, and predators. Each year I find myself appreciating the miracle of birds more and more and the landscape of our town for supporting them. As each new bird arrives, I am reminded of how they link us to our backyard, to nature, and to faraway places, and of how small and precious our planet really is. To give you a deeper sense of the weaving of this blanket of birds over Wendell, the following is a partial list of birds and their initial arrival dates in town this spring (based on my observations).

Northern Flicker	3-5
Turkey Vulture	3-7
Redwing Blackbird	3-11
Killdeer	3-13
Tree Swallow	4-8
Palm Warbler	4-15
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4-15
American Kestrel	4-15
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4-17
Broad-winged Hawk	4-20
Solitary Vireo	4-22
Black & White Warbler	4-29
Catbird	4-29
Barn Swallow	5-2
Yellow Warbler	5-3
Wood Thrush	5-5
Black-throated blue warbler	5-7
Ruby-throated hummingbird	5-7
Great-crested Flycatcher	5-12
Bobolink	5-13
Baltimore Oriole	5-14
Scarlet Tanager	5-14
American Redstart	5-14
Eastern Wood Peewee	5-21
Red Eyed Vireo	5-22

This spring was my second year of teaching the spring bird class. It's been a very rewarding experience for all involved. We've had many spectacular sightings on Saturday mornings and amazingly we've never been rained out. Thanks to everyone who participated -- it's been a joy for me to bring people closer to birds! If you missed out, don't worry. Watch for postings for an autumn class, as well as next spring. And in the meantime, please call with reports on who is nesting in your backyard! I'm collecting data to confirm the breeding of any and all bird species in Wendell. 544-6184 or 544-8682. Happy Summer!

Marcy Marchello

Coyotes in Wendell

Joe Coll and I discovered the Wendell coyote population the hard way. Last August, we had four sheep killed by coyotes. A two hundred pound ewe and three lambs died of punctured throats.

We had an environmental police officer come out to determine the attackers. He ruled out dogs because of the lack of extra mutilation and other signs. He told us that northeastern coyotes are larger than the western variety and more likely to hunt in packs. He mentioned several times that we had the right to shoot any animals that went after our animals regardless of hunting or trapping season.

We set to learning about coyotes and how to protect our animals. Thomas Decker of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife was very informative.

Eastern coyotes are around the size of a medium sized dog with long bushy coats. They range in size from thirty to sixty pounds They vary in color from blond to tan to black.

Coyotes are intelligent and very adaptable. This helps explain their spread into western and central Massachusetts in the 1950's.

Coyotes are omnivorous opportunists. They eat small rodents, deer, rabbits, snakes, frogs, insects, birds, garbage, pet food, fruits, berries, and vegetables. They are also known to eat domesticated animals such as chickens, ducks, geese, house cats, small pigs, sheep, and calves. Full grown cattle and horses should be safe.

Coyotes are most active at night, but they can be active at any time, alone, in pairs, or in small packs. They do not hibernate. Their territory may cover four to thirty square miles.

Coyotes usually have four to eight puppies in April or May. When they teach the young to hunt they sometimes go after domesticated animals.

Coyotes also may attack livestock in the spring during lambing and calving seasons. Very young livestock in pastures are especially vulnerable; they should be secured in a barn.

Various safeguards for protecting domestic animals may be useful. Coyotes jump fairly high and are known to sometimes dig under conventional fencing. Electric fencing discourages coyotes. Portable electric netting has kept our sheep safe since the attack.

Trained sheep guarding dogs and llamas may prove effective. If possible, at night keep pets indoors and small livestock in a barn. Do not leave pet food unattended outdoors: it encourages visitors. By protecting our animals, we can more peacefully coexist with our coyote neighbors.

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THANK YOU FROM THE SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL

Dear Volunteers,

It was you who left those brownies on your porch for us to use at a bake sale you could not attend. We got a glimpse of you straightening costumes backstage before rushing off to your full-time job, and it was you who helped those small fingers learn to control computers every week ... we've grown to depend on you to coach our soccer players all year, and you came in the middle of your busy day to help with art projects, or play your instrument, or choreograph a pre-school performance. Because of you, we know first-hand what it's like to live in Japan, or sail around the world ... and we saw your light on until midnight while you made leafy head wreaths for our Greek Pageant, and we saw you after hours trying to decipher a second grader's writing so you could type it into their own book... Thank you for making all of those field trips possible, and we appreciated your additions to our "Celebrate Diversity" displays, and thank you for making our Field Day happen, and for putting our school newsletters together, and helping our librarian produce those successful book fairs, and for brainstorming ways to improve and afford our school...Etc.

Most of our volunteers have full-time jobs, several children, lots of hobbies, and a fuller than average schedule. Erma Bombeck compares volunteers to yachts -- "... they arouse your curiosity. Who are they? Where do they come from? Why are they here? They could stay moored where it's safe... but they choose to cut through the rough waters, ride out the storms and take chances. They have style. They're fiercely independent, and if you ask them how much they cost, you can't afford them..." She goes on to say that volunteers "don't contribute to our civilization - They are civilization - at least the only part worth talking about ... The only human beings on the face of this earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfishness, caring, patience..."

But yachts are a luxury, and volunteers are a necessity at the Swift River School. The contributions of volunteers to the enrichment of our Swift River School educational programs and to the input of new ideas is immeasurable. The ways in which you have saved us money by donating your time, and made us money with your generous participation in our fund raisers is crucial.

Beyond the practical benefits of your help, what you gave of yourself to the school created a sense of unity between home, community and school, and you've shown our children that they are important and that school is a legitimate part of their lives worthy of your attention. Your expressions of care as family and friends serve as valuable examples to our students. You've shown them the true meaning of "community" and "involvement" and "team work".

What would we do without you? You've enriched our programs, you've saved us money, you've inspired and supported our teachers, and your efforts have touched our children in special ways that they will pass on.

Last year there were so many of you (well over 100) that I never finished sending out personal notes of thanks to each one of you. There were even more of you this year, I'll be especially busy this summer, and the price of stamps went up - so consider this a note of heartfelt thanks from the Swift River School for your most valuable contributions.

Thanks to all, Molly Kaynor
and the Swift River School PTCA

BASKETBALL HOOP REPLACED
AT TOWN OFFICES PLAYGROUND

As a result of Eric Dew's request in the last issue of the Post, folks got together and donated parts and labor so we can enjoy basketball in the center of town once again.

Josh Heinemann donated the plywood for the backboard. Annie Diemand donated paint and the hoop. Parker Cleveland donated the net.

Jon Bowers, Annie, Jacob and Tessa Diemand painted the backboard and wirebrushed the hoop.

Stephen Broll, Tom and Tessa and Annie Diemand put up the backboard and hoop, Tessa trying her hand at the electric drill.

Thanks to all who helped in providing many hours of basketball fun!

OLD HOME DAY at the SENIOR CENTER

A Chinese Auction - Something old, something new - something just for YOU. A quilt raffle, Afghan raffle and a door prize, too. Sponsored by the Golden Age Club.

MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL *News*

As most of you know, the Education Reform Act of 1993 has created some problems for local town budgets. Though the financial aspect of Ed Reform may be flawed, especially relative to regional schools, the greater vision of the Ed Reform Act has much to its credit. I thought it might be helpful to outline some of the changes ahead for Mahar.

Time and Learning Requirements:

The State Board of Education is now requiring all secondary schools to devote a minimum of 5.5 hours of instruction each day to core subjects (math, science, history and social studies, English, foreign languages, the arts and approved vocational/technical courses). The school year must include 180 days meeting these time requirements. Early release days would have to be counted beyond the 180 days.

In order to comply, Mahar has had to make some changes in the school day. Beginning in the 1995-96 school year, school will begin at 7:45 am, homeroom will be eliminated, and dismissal will be at 2:06 pm. Each class period will be lengthened by approximately 6 minutes.

Grade 10 Assessment Test:

Another important change will begin in 1997. Grade 10 students will be required to take (and pass) a State Assessment Test in order to graduate. Any student failing the test in 10th grade will have an opportunity to re-take it in 11th and 12th grades.

Curriculum Frameworks:

The State Department of Education has proposed Curriculum Frameworks in math, science and technical education, social studies, English, world languages, the arts, and health. These frameworks will serve as guides for teachers and administrators as they revise and develop their curriculum to meet these new standards. The curriculum frameworks will provide the basis for the State Assessment Test.

Restructuring Committee Formed:

In response to all of these mandates a committee has been formed at Mahar to Restructure High School Education. The group consists of parents, school council members, school committee members, teachers, administrators, students, and local businesspeople. The goal is to develop a plan by December 1995 to more adequately meet the needs of the district's students while complying with the law and spirit of the Education Reform Act. We aim to address issues such as teaching for different learning styles, block scheduling, new technologies for the classroom, teaching critical thinking, new methods for assessment, heterogeneous grouping, standardized tests, staff training, parent involvement and more. There is a wonderful opportunity here. We hope to ultimately redefine education at Mahar and make it more relevant for all of our children as we approach the 21st century.

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Mahar Regional School Committee

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NEWS FROM THE SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL

Sally Alley & children

Mouth, esophagus & stomach

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

The PTCA Executive Board members would like to thank the cooks and hard workers who made our Staff Appreciation Day such a delightful success! Besides the teacher's room cleaning, the bouquets of flowers, and other decorations, as well as the constant flow of food throughout the day... many of you did extra things to insure the complete success of the event such as, helping the office folk so they too would find time to enjoy it all.

doing all of the dishes in the staff room, etc. etc.

We are lucky to have such a devoted staff. They all spend extra time and attention to much more than just their classrooms. They serve on special committees, they attend evening meetings, they work after hours on classroom projects and whole school events... Thank you volunteers for helping to keep this special day such a hearty expression of sincere appreciation for our hard working staff members.

Sincerely,
Molly Kaynor
P.T.C.A. member

THE MAGIC SCHOOLBUS

Chris Wings' 3/4 grade class performed multi-media artist Sally Alley Muffin Stuffin's "The Magic Schoolbus" for a packed audience at the Swift River School on May 2 (funded by the Wendell Cultural Council).

Sally wrote the play to correspond with the class' study of the human body. The children on the bus, driven by Chris Wings as Ms. Frizzle, traveled through a bike thief's body, played by Post staffer Stephen Broll, wherein they learned the functions of the body's systems.

Sally's amazing talents brought us greater-than-life-size structures of the mouth, esophagus, stomach, intestines, liver, lungs and brain, around, under and through which the children acted and sang their parts, actually becoming parts of the organs.

The children loved the play so much that, a month later, they still spontaneously burst into its original songs written by Sally. The "Convolutions Chorus", sung to the tune of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus", tells of the travel and absorption of nutrients through the convoluted gastro-intestinal tract.

The children learned, in a most delightful way, the functions of red and white blood cells, liver and kidneys, neurons in the brain, hydrochloric acid in the stomach, and the role of intestinal villi in nutrient absorption.

Where might Sally's brain take us next?

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To the Editor:

The Annual Town Meeting vote in Wendell will almost certainly require the Swift River School to reduce services for the 1995-1996 school year rather than to increase them, as we had hoped. The Town Meeting voted assessments intended to ensure that both academic regional districts (Swift River and Mahar) received budget increases of about 3% -- which worked out to be a substantial decrease in the assessment to Swift River.

One statistic the Education Reform Law uses is the Foundation Budget, which identifies school districts that should be increasing their spending, those which are at a minimally appropriate level of spending, and those which are above the minimally appropriate level. Swift River is a district which is spending below the Foundation Budget. The budget goal for Swift River, therefore, ought to be more than a 3% increase, perhaps substantially more.

The Swift River School has been serving children well despite a relative lack of resources. The 1994-1995 school year has been a particularly good year. Collective bargaining that attempted to make up for years that included the withdrawal of promised salary increases, losses of step increases, and zero per cent salary increases was over. The school's commitment to children's respect of each other and adults was strengthened through mediation training. The school's commitment to the success of the neediest children had been recognized and strengthened through a federal grant and regional recognition. The School Committee's goal that the school be more challenging for the ablest children has been adopted and broadened by the staff.

We entered the budget process with an extraordinary optimism. We sought a modest increase in Wendell's assessment. The combination of additional state aid and the modest increase sought from Wendell (less than $18,000), and New Salem's obligation, would have allowed us to restore art instruction to the school, add a staff position to enrich instruction for all students, and provide the additional special education help we had been seeking for years. Those goals are now out of the question.

Without some unanticipated good fortune, as a result of Wendell's vote to reduce the assessment to Swift River for FY 96 by more than $35,000 below the FY 95 assessment, we will have to reduce our services in the 1995-1996 school year to a level below the level of services during the 1994-1995 school year. The increase in state aid will probably permit an increase in the school budget. However, a substantial budget increase is committed as a result of the collective bargaining settlement -- a settlement which, I believe, quite fairly raises the salaries of teachers at Swift River to be nearer to the salaries of teachers at Mahar, Orange, and the other Union #28 towns.

Without the same good fortune mentioned above, we will be $45,000 (Wendell's share of more than $25,000 and New Salem's share of almost $20,000) short of having sufficient funds to provide the same level of service in FY 96 that we provided in FY 95. Currently, I plan to recommend elimination of at least two teacher aide positions at the school -- one assignment in fifth and sixth grade and one in third and fourth grade. I am reluctant to propose more reductions until we know what state aid will be. But elimination of two teacher aide positions is not enough without good fortune. Despite the reductions we must take, I will ask the school staff and the school community to accept two views about our hardship:

*We can hope that this will be temporary -- perhaps having a two year consequence, perhaps a four year consequence.

By the year 2000, if the education reform law continues to be funded, Swift River's budget will have been raised (through mandated expenditures of local funds and state aid) to the Foundation Budget level, a level adjusted annually to reflect inflation as well as the relative needs of our school. Some time during that period, the Swift River budget will be increased substantially to achieve that mandated level of spending.

*We will maintain our commitment to an excellent education for children.

While living off the hope engendered by the expectation that the hardship required by the Wendell Town Meeting vote will be temporary, the school will maintain its commitment to a successful education for children. We will continue to expect the best from children in their relationships with each other and with adults. We will continue to work diligently for the success of the neediest students -- both for their sake and because success with them frees us to work with all of the children. And we will seek to provide an enriching and challenging program for all children.

Sincerely,
Leonard J. Lubinsky
Superintendent of Schools

NEWS FROM THE SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL

LEARNING REALLY CAN BE FUN!

Family Math Night was a blast! What a terrific idea! It was a pleasure for us parents to join our children and their teachers in a group effort to play the games and solve the problems presented together.

The evening offered many opportunities which benefitted everyone who participated in many ways. Children could use their skills with their teachers families and friends, their families could socialize, teachers and parents could enjoy each other in action... while they all worked together to use various techniques in solving the many brain teasers offered that evening. Each of the games were challenging for all levels of math skills for both young and old. It was fascinating to get a feel for how exciting a "hands-on" approach to math can be.

We are fortunate that so many of our teachers are willing to go so far beyond the call of duty. The extra time, thought and hard work that each of them put into organizing and producing that educational and exciting evening was truly extraordinary, and our PTCA´s interest in supporting the event by contributing pizza was appreciated by all.

There were so many of us there, that it is clear that our Swift River School families have a strong interest in sharing in our children´s education. We hope to enjoy many more events like this year´s Family Math Night in the future. Thanks again to all who helped to create this most worthwhile affair!

FIELD DAY! - It was brimming with that feeling of exuberance you get when school is almost over, and it's one of the first hot summer days, and your teacher is wearing a goofy-looking baseball cap and sunglasses, and the principal looks as if he thinks he's on vacation, and he cares more about how high you can jump than anything else... Everybody was cheering each other on as they went from one activity to another...and ooh, that smell of hot dogs drifting out from the kitchen, and the Limbo party music added to the gay festivities. I counted 34 fun-loving and hard-working volunteers that day who made it all possible! They enjoyed the baking that was provided by volunteers who couldn't be there... And of course we couldn't have done any of it without Cindy Chadbourne and Bette Richards who planned, organized, and saw that whole memorable day through.

Thanks to all!

Molly Kaynor

GREEK PAGEANT REVIEW

On Friday, May 19th, the all-school Greek Pageant finalized our two month study of Greece. The whole school filed out to our field early on that gray, misty morning, wearing colorful, handmade headwreaths. They formed a tremendous circle, and moved together to the lilting rhythms of Greek folkdance music. The chorus then gathered into the center of the circle, with our music teacher Ed Hines, and heartily sang two lively folk songs in Greek.

We were then treated to several Greek plays and skits against a Grecian landscape back drop on the stage, which was framed by magnificant towering Greek columns. The pieces were composed and performed by our students. Joy Brenneman´s class did a traditional performance of "Demeter and Persephone," and Steve Olson´s class did a modern day interpretation of that myth. Damon Douglas´ class interpreted the Greek Myth of "Atalanta" with a modern rendition they called "Atalanta and the Gold Autographed Basketball Cards," and Karen Lutsky´s class treated us to a comical version of Aesop´s fable, "the Tortoise and the Hare".

The art displays were truly fascinating: Plaster casts of body parts, masks and Greek patterns on hanging plaques. There were terra-cota tiles some with traditional Greek designs and reliefs of hybrid creatures, Gods, and other symbolic figures and designs. There were colorful and festive paper masks and clay mythological figurines. infact, Greek inspired artwork could be found in numerous places beyond the displays. The second graders block printed Greek geometric patterns on the borders of their costumes, and there is a spectacular wall mural done by the third grade depicting the myth of "Daedelus and Icarus."

At noon, we enjoyed a Greek feast prepared by our own Swift River School cooks with recipes from our friend Sophie Theoharis. Bits of Baklava were sampled through out the afternoon.

I´d like to thank Erin Williams for her hard work coordinating our all school study of Greece and her Greek story telling workshops, as well as her theatrical tallents which she shared in our classrooms each week throughout our study of Japan as well as Greece. We also appreciate Erin´s work to help implement this valuable program into our school, and for providing such interesting programs and projects for classrooms to enjoy, etc. We are lucky to have found such interesting and tallented community members and artists for us to share in their knowlege of other cultures. Some of the professional artists who helped our school celebrate Japan and Greece this year are, Motoko Dworkin (Japanese story teller, mime), Sophia Bilides (musician, singer and dancer), Tony Vacca (percussionist), Kerry Verney-Stone, and Lydia Grey (visual artists) and Erin Williams (playwright, theater).

"Celebrating Diversity" has been an on-going program at The Swift River School and Mahar, and is produced by Erin Williams / 1794 Meetinghouse, Inc. Over the past four months our school has been engaged in these workshops, lectures, demonstrations and assemblies with nationally recognized artists exploring Greek and Japanese cultures. Celebrating Diversity encourages our school community to explore and experience cultural traditions from around the world in a cooperative setting through the arts. The program is integrated into the school day so that all students can be actively engaged in the multi-cultural programming, and the arts.

This program is funded in part by the Wendell, and New Salem, Cultural Councils, local agencies, the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency; and the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional funding is provided by the Franklin County Business Fund for the Arts, and The Swift River School and PTCA, as well as the valuable help from the many generous people who volunteered so much of their time and energy to this program. Thanks to all for making this most enriching program so successful this year!

Sincerely,

Molly Kaynor

WENDELL COUNTRY STORE RECEIPTS

You all have collected so many receipts from the Wendell Country Store over the past few months, that we haven't been able to count them all yet! The Wendell Country Store will give us 2% of the total once we've added them up (we'll let you know how much we made in September.) We will use that generous contribution to buy more software for our new computers. Thanks to all who remembered to collect receipts for us, and thank you Wendell Country Store for your generous offer!

P.S. If you love challenging addition problems and would be willing to help add up the hundreds of receipts we've accumulated, please let Molly Kaynor know at 544-7864.

Molly Kaynor

SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL NEWS

RECORD-BREAKING COMMON CENTS!

In 1993 we collected $326.65. Last year we accumulated $487.51 in our Common Cents jugs. But WOW! This year you gave the school $650.09 of your spare change! This is, by far, the most lucrative Common Cents drive ever! Thank you all so much for remembering to collect your change, and for getting it into our Common Cents jugs. It will be divided evenly between classrooms, and used however the students and teachers see fit. (They have already benefitted by using the coins for numerous math projects this spring!) Thanks to the PTCA and especially to Cindy Chadbourne for organizing this lucrative fund drive. A special thanks also to Cindy for baking those delicious treats which she awarded to each classroom as they filled their jugs!

Molly Kaynor

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